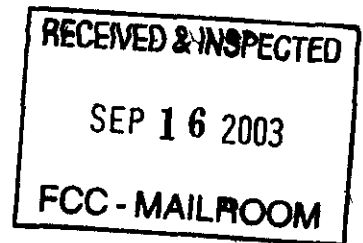




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Marlene H. Dortch
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Federal Communications Commission
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RE: WT Docket No. 99-87/RM-9332

Dear Ms. Dortch:

St. John's Hospital would like to express its support for the petition for reconsideration filed by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) and other public safety organizations in the above-referenced proceeding regarding mandatory migration to narrowband operations on land mobile radio systems in the VHF High Band (150-170 MHz) and UHF (421-512MHz) frequencies.

This proposed migration would have a drastic impact on healthcare institutions and more importantly the ability for emergency medical services (EMS) personnel to communicate with medical control points and 911 dispatch centers. Many of the EMS organizations in our area of central Illinois are volunteer and money for operations are limited.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Carlson
Executive Vice-President

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